

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 3, replace the paragraph beginning on line 2 with the following amended paragraph:

--In this case, the connection band control and the connection admission control ~~is~~ are performed for acquiring necessary connection band in first-come-first-set order without considering connection band of preferential SVC when the SVC of established connection issues setting demand. Therefore, when connection of the preferential SVC is not yet established and issue setting demand for connection later, the SVC setting demand is not always admitted and can be rejected until the necessary band is released in certain remaining band of the ATM circuit port.--

Page 14, replace the paragraph beginning on line 24 and bridging pages 14 and 15 with the following amended paragraph:

--The buffer control memory 26, as data structure in the memory 25 storing the buffer control memory data, includes a memory 261 storing a band data per connection declared upon SVC setting demand necessary for control operation of the usage parameter control (UPC) portion 23, a memory 262 storing band data to preliminarily ~~acquire~~ acquired connection band of the preferential SVC necessary for control operation of the connection band controller 25, a memory 263 storing connection band data of the SVC of CBR, rt-VBR and nrt-VBR established current connection, and a memory 264 storing data necessary for

connection admission control, such as available band and so forth  
of ATM circuit port.--